

Regional Trails Grant Program

Program Description

Regional Trails grants assist with the design, engineering and construction of various types of trails.

Results

Documented results for FY24 as of **January 8, 2025**.

Projects

Table one below provides an overview of project funding across fiscal years 2024 (FY24), 2025 (FY25), 2026 (FY26) and 2027 (FY27), including the number of grants awarded, total agency investment, total project investment and leverage calculation.

Table 1.

Project Funding	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
Budget	\$2,000,000			
Number of Grants Awarded	17			
Total Agency Investment Amount	\$1,985,325			
Total Project Investment Amount	\$8,814,780			
Leverage	3.4:1			

Key Impact Measures

Table two below provides an overview of key impact measures across fiscal years 2024 (FY24), 2025 (FY25), 2026 (FY26) and 2027 (FY27) projects, including total numbers for new trails and trail systems, new bridges, reconstruction and enhancements, master plans, maintenance programs and communities served.

Table 2.

Key Impact Measures	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
New Trails and Trail Systems	7			
New Bridges	3			
Reconstruction and Enhancements	5			

Key Impact Measures	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
Master Plans	2			
Maintenance Programs	6			
Communities Served	17			

Fiscal Year 2024 Grants

Table three below provides an overview of the grantees, their project descriptions, locations, agency and total project investments.

Table 3.

Grantee	Project Description	Location	Agency Investment	Total Project Investment
Babbitt ATV and Snowmobile Club	Purchase new snowmobile trail groomer	Babbitt	\$15,000	\$30,000
Biwabik	Expand paved trail to connect Biwabik Park Pavilion to the Gazebo	Biwabik	\$28,500	\$58,780
Chisholm	Plan and expand east corridor for Redhead and Bruce Mine Headframe Park – Phase 1	Chisholm	\$500,000	\$1,006,000
Crow Wing County Land Services	Expand trails and shelter, install interpretative displays around Milford Mine Memorial Park	Crow Wing County	\$110,000	\$1,481,709
Gunflint Trail Historical Society	Improve, replace, make accessible trails and add interpretive signage at Chik-Wauk Nature Center	Gunflint Trail	\$15,000	\$30,000
Hoyt Lakes	Renovate Midway Recreational Trails	Hoyt Lakes	\$37,600	\$75,200
Hoyt Lakes	Purchase new clubhouse for Ranger Snowmobile and ATV Clubs	Hoyt Lakes	\$41,075	\$82,150
Iron Range Tourism Bureau	Fund ten small projects supporting Northern St. Louis and Koochiching County trail plans	St. Louis County	\$100,000	\$200,000
Itasca Driftskippers Snowmobile Club	Purchase snowmobile trail groomer for Grand Rapids area	Grand Rapids	\$50,000	\$293,000
Lutsen Trailbreakers Snowmobile Club	Replace Poplar River Bridge in Lutsen	Lutsen	\$100,000	\$526,362

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Mountain Iron	Build outdoor classroom, trail and bridge within Mountain Iron-Buhl School area	Mountain Iron Schools	\$82,000	\$164,000
North Superior Ski and Run Club	Purchase ski trail groomer	Cook County	\$50,000	\$196,000
Northeast Regional ATV Trail Joint Powers Board	Master planning to connect Wild Country ATV and Two Harbors trails	Lake County	\$25,000	\$50,000
Northern Lights Nordic Ski Club	Purchase ski grooming equipment and replace fencing for cross-country trails	Itasca County, Grand Rapids and Sugar Hills	\$31,150	\$67,000
PathBlazers Snowmobile Club	Purchase snowmobile trail grooming tractor	Chisholm	\$50,000	\$303,300
St. Louis & Lake Counties Regional Railroad Authority	Extend Mesabi Trail from McKinley to Biwabik	St. Louis County	\$500,000	\$2,997,430
Virginia	Construct floating bridge to connect to existing Silver Lake Trail – Phase 3	Virginia	\$250,000	\$1,253,849